

a jovial, light-hearted creature, it is my hero. . . .
 . . . He is a hero in the best sense of the word, living
 cleanly, despising viciousness equally with effeminacy.
 And do not, as some people do, have a
 sort of stupid contempt for people who respect truth,
 honesty, and purity, people who work hard at school,
 never insult their masters, and try to get on in this
 world without soiling their fingers and dragging their
 skirts in the mire. But see you cultivate humour as
 you go along. Without that, there is danger in the
 other." G. M. R.

A Song of the White Men.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

Now this is the Cup that the White Men drink
 When they go to right a wrong,
 And that is the cup of the Old World's hate—
 Cruel and strained and strong.
 We have drunk that cup—and a bitter, bitter cup—
 And tossed the dregs away;
 But well for the world when the White Men drink
 To the dawn of the White Men's day.

Now, this is the Road that the White Men tread
 When they go to clean a land—
 Iron underfoot and levin overhead
 And the deep on either hand.
 We have trod that road—and a wet and windy road—
 Our chosen star for guide.
 Oh! well for the world when the White Men tread
 Their highway side by side.

Now, this is the Faith that the White Men hold
 When they build them homes afar :—
 "Freedom for ourselves and freedom for our sons
 And, failing Freedom, War."
 We have proved our Faith—bear witness to our Faith,
 Dear souls of Freemen slain :
 Oh! well for the world when the White Men join
 To prove their Faith again.

From the *Friend*, Bloemfontein, April 2.

WHAT TO READ.

- "African Incidents. Personal Experiences in Egypt
 and Unyoro." By Brevet-Major A. B. Thruston.
 With an Introduction by General Sir Archibald
 Hunter K.C.B., D.S.O.
 "Recollections of My Life." By Surgeon-General Sir
 Joseph Fayrer, Bart., &c.
 "General Hector A. Macdonald: a Biographical
 Sketch." By David Campbell.
 "The Divine Adventure." By Miss Fiona Macleod.
 "Boy." By Marie Corelli.
 "Love and Mr. Lewisham." By H. G. Wells.

Coming Events.

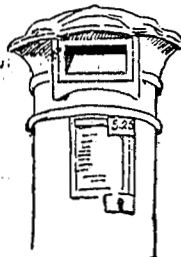
June 18th to 23rd.—Women's International Congress
 at Paris.

June 20th.—Garden Party at the North London Hos-
 pital for Consumption. Opening of the new Open-air
 Balconies by Sir Henry Harben, 3 p.m.

June 30th.—Prince and Princess of Wales open the
 new Jenny Lind Infirmary for Sick Children at
 Norwich.

Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



Whilst cordially inviting com-
 munications upon all subjects
 for these columns, we wish it to
 be distinctly understood that we
 do not in ANY WAY hold our-
 selves responsible for the opinions
 expressed by our correspondents.

QUACK NURSING FOR BRADFORD.

To the Editor of the "Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—Your spirited criticism of the ill-
 judged scheme launched by two medical men, for the
 promotion of quack nursing in Bradford entirely accords
 with the opinions that are held by all the medical prac-
 titioners I have heard discuss it, and I may say of
 most unprofessional people also. The scheme cannot
 be fairly attributed to the Medico-Ethical Society,
 upon which it has been very unfairly fathered. Apparent-
 ly, as stated by Dr. Metcalfe, and Mr. Horrocks (Hon.
 Sec. to the Society and Surgeon to the Bradford Royal
 Infirmary), a resolution in favour of the scheme was
 run through the Society at its last meeting, but no in-
 timation of the nature of the scheme was given, nor
 any hint that the Society was to be advertised as the
 promoter of it. How little thought or considera-
 tion was given to it is proved not only by the ill-judged
 and really disastrous character of the scheme itself,
 but by the fact that the whole thing was settled off at
 a single meeting, at which a full and careful considera-
 tion of the bearings of the question was impossible.
 The time devoted to introducing, discussing
 and deciding, on the scheme, could not have
 been more than an hour. Need one wonder
 then that it is as harmful and injudicious
 as it is? The question is one which is entirely foreign
 to the work of the Society, whose rules state that its
 objects are "to advance the interests and maintain the
 honour and dignity" of the medical profession. The
 establishment of a Register of Nurses, even of those
 who are properly trained and certificated, cannot by
 any reasonable use of the imagination be regarded as
 a question of medical ethics (conduct) nor as affecting
 the honour or dignity of the profession.

Per contra, the proposal to establish a Register
 under the auspices of two medical men, who shall lend
 their professional repute to foisting on the public as
 sick nurses women without training or skill, and as to
 whose character for honesty, or sobriety or good con-
 duct not the least guarantee will be offered, is a very
 serious question of medical ethics. It must be noted
 that the two promoters of the scheme especially notify
 that "there would be no guarantee of efficiency." The
 names of all claimants to be placed on this precious
 register of nurses (save the mark!) are to be entered
 on it, like charwomen at a Registry Office, on paying
 the registration fee of 2s. 6d., and "the further fee
 when an engagement is secured" of 4s. or 3s., accord-
 ing as the applicant is trained or not. "No questions
 asked!"

During the last twenty years great efforts have been
 made in this country to raise the status of Nurses, by
 training them efficiently, by the encouragement of

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